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**Supplemental
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Examiner

Monique R. Jackson

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to After-Final Amendment filed 8/17/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-6, 8-14, 17 and 18.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date 20060828.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

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1. This is a supplemental notice of allowance to the notice dated 9/18/06 to correct a typographical error in the previous Examiner's Amendment and to include a "Brief Description of the Drawing" as authorized by Applicant's Attorney Mr. Marshall Chick on 11/2/06.
2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Marshall J. Chick on August 28, 2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 13 has been amended as follows:

At line 8, the phrase "measured in accordance with JIS-K-7125 (1987) between a facing material and a sliding material, wherein a front face of the cellulose ester film is the facing material and a reverse face of a second cellulose ester film of the same composition is the sliding material" has been inserted after "coefficient of 0.3 to 1.5".

Claim 14 has been amended as follows:

At line 21, the phrase "measured in accordance with JIS-K-7125 (1987) between a facing material and a sliding material, wherein a front face of the cellulose ester film is the facing material and a reverse face of a second cellulose ester film of the same composition is the sliding material" has been inserted after "dynamic friction coefficient of 0.3 to 1.5".

Additionally, Claim 1 has been amended as follows:

At line 8, the term "ester" has been inserted after "the cellulose".

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Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Marshall J. Chick on November 2, 2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

On page 10 of the specification, after the first paragraph and before "DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PRESENT INVENTION", please insert:

"BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING"

"Figure 1 is an example of a liquid crystal display of the present invention."

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the closest references Takada et al '926 and Takada et al '006 have been obviated by the timely filing of a proper terminal disclaimer. Additionally, the prior art does not teach or render obvious a cellulose ester film comprising particles having an aspect ratio of 2 to 7 and a dynamic friction coefficient of 0.3 to 1.5 as instantly claimed.

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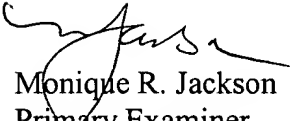
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Monique R. Jackson whose telephone number is 571-272-1508.

The examiner can normally be reached on Mondays-Thursdays, 8:00AM-4:30PM.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Carol Chaney can be reached on 571-272-1284. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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